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SUBJ: FRENCH DECLARATION ON DISARMAMENT

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1. AS QUAI HAD INDICATED (REFTEL) THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ISSUED THE FOLLOWING MAJOR STATEMENT ON DISARMAMENT AFTER ITS SESSION ON AUGUST 24.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS HEARD A REPORT ON THE PROBLEMS OF DISARMAMENT BY THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. M. DE GUIRINGAUD RECALLED THAT, IN SPITE OF THEIR NUMBER, THE MULTIPLE INITIATIVES AND PROPOSALS TO WHICH DISARMAMENT HAS GIVEN RISE ON THE INTERNATIONAL PLANE UNFORTUNATELY HAVE PRODUCED VERY FEW RESULTS. THE REASON IS THAT IN SPITE OF APPEARANCES, MANY OF THESE PROPOSALS WERE AIMED AT OBJECTIVES OTHER THAN THOSE OF TRUE DISARMAMENT. THIS IS WHY FRANCE HAS BEEN OBLIGED TO DENY THEM ITS SUPPORT (CAUTION). THE TRUE DISARMAMENT WHICH FRANCE HAS NOT CEASED TO ADVOCATE FOR TWENTY YEARS, SHOULD MEET CERTAIN CHARACTERISTICS.

3. IT SHOULD BE REAL, THAT IS TO SAY, RESULT IN REAL DIMINUTION OF THE QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE LEVEL OF ARMAMENTS, BEGINNING WITH THOSE COUNTRIES WHOSE ARSENALS ARE THE MOST DISPROPORTIONATE TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF GLOBAL STRATEGIC EQUILIBRIUM.

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4. IT SHOULD BE GENERAL AND COMPLETE, THAT IS TO SAY IT SHOULD NOT INVOLVE DISCRIMINATION IN FAVOR OF ANY PARTICULAR STATE, GEOGRAPHIC ZONE OR TYPE OF ARMS.

5. IT SHOULD BE EFFECTIVELY CONTROLLED. IT IS THEREFORE NECESSARY TO TAKE BEST POSSIBLE ADVANTAGE OF TECHNICAL PROGRESS.

6. ON THE BASIS OF THESE PRINCIPLES, AND IN LIGHT OF

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THE GIVENS OF THE PRESENT SITUATION, FRANCE HAS UNDER-
TAKEN A NEW INITIATIVE TO REFLECT ON DISARMAMENT
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AND INTENDS TO PRESENT AN OVERALL PLAN AT AN APPRO-
PRIATE TIME.

7. THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC HAS UNDERLINED THE
IMPORTANCE HE ATTACHES TO THE PROBLEM OF ARMS LIMITA-
TION AND INDICATED THAT A PERSONALITY WITH INTERNATIONAL
EXPERIENCE WILL BE NAMED SHORTLY TO COORDINATE THE
WORK IN THIS FIELD UNDER THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN
AFFAIRS. HE DEFINED THE ATTITUDE OF FRANCE IN THESE
TERMS:

8. INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT IS AN ESSENTIAL PROBLEM FOR FRANCE. IT CORRESPONDS TO ITS PACIFIC VOCATION, TO THE TRADITION OF ITS FOREIGN POLICY AND TO ITS INTEREST. IT IS ONLY BECAUSE OF LACK OF PROGRESS IN THIS AREA THAT FRANCE MAKES A DEFENSE EFFORT WHOSE PURPOSE TO ASSURE ITS SECURITY AND INDEPENDENCE.

9. DISARMAMENT IS ALSO A SERIOUS MATTER. IN AN AREA WHICH CONCERNS THE SECURITY AND LIFE OF PEOPLES, ONE HAS NO RIGHT TO SATISFY ONESELF WITH SLOGANS OR FALSE PRETENSES. A SUCCESS IN APPEARANCES ONLY WOULD PRODUCE THE MOST DANGEROUS ILLUSIONS, A SETBACK WOULD SERVE AS THE PRETEXT FOR RESUMPTION OF THE ARMS RACE.

10. FINALLY, ARMS LIMITATION IS A CURRENT ISSUE. THE EXCESSIVE ACCUMULATION OF ARMAMENTS IN THE WORLD MAKES IT MANDATORY TO UNDERTAKE URGENT AND RESOLUTE ACTION. FRANCE WILL MAKE ITS CONTRIBUTION. END TEXT.
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